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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 2131

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed August 13, 2002, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 8, and 9 as shown in the attached marked-up copy to read  
as follows:

1. (Four Times Amended) A reception device for controlling a video recording  
device physically separate from to the reception device, the reception device comprising:  
reception means for receiving an electronic mail transmitted through a network;  
first extracting means for extracting encrypted certification information inserted in  
said electronic mail received by said reception means;